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News for a Campus Community....

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A MUTE POINT...



Katherine Chickey/WINONAN
WSU student Ryan McGrath supports the National Day of Silence on Friday at the WSU courtyard.

WSU students express their right to be silent in support of equal rights for homosexuals

Rachel Smith
WINONAN

Students stood silent Friday at Winona State University to spread a message of awareness and social acceptance.

The National Day of Silence was devoted to creating awareness of harassment and fight against bullying and name calling. Members of Winona State's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance club and participating students ended the day by breaking the silence with a scream at the courtyard gazebo.

The Thursday before, members of the GLBTA club held a small panel discussion covering topics such as their experiences coming out as a gay, lesbian or bisexual.

"The first time you come out is the hardest because you don't know who's going to support you," first-year student Nathan Store said.

The group also talked briefly about how the media portrays homosexuality, and fighting stereotypes.

"It hurts because I want people to know me beyond that. I wish that wasn't the only thing they concentrate on," mass communication senior Adnan Nazeer said.

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Common Book chosen

Winona State's Common Book Project announces its selection for 2008-09: Dr. Robert Morris's *The Blue Death: The Intriguing Past and Present Danger of the Water You Drink*. The Common Book Project brings together a large community of readers in the discussion of a single work.

Dr. Robert Morris, MD, PhD, is an environmental epidemiologist and a leading researcher in the field of drinking water and health. He has taught at Tufts University School of Medicine, Harvard University School of Public Health, and the Medical College of Wisconsin and has served as an advisor to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Center for Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health, and the President's Cancer Panel. His work has been featured in the *New York Times* and the *London Times*, and on *Dateline NBC* and the *BBC*.

His book, *The Blue Death*, has been recommended by the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Denver Post*, *Science News*, *Booklist*, and *Kirkus*.

With compelling narratives both historical and recent, Morris examines the infrastructure of our drinking water supply and calls for widespread action to preserve this most precious of natural resources.

The Blue Death disciplines as diverse as nursing, biology, chemistry, physics, statistics, education, history, and first-year composition. Additionally, Winona State University will be participating in a year-long community project, *Our Drinking Fountains, Our Water*. All three local postsecondary institutions, the city of Winona, the Southeast Minnesota Water Resource Board, and In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre of Minneapolis will be working together to engage our community in education, discussions, and celebrations of drinking water. The year will culminate with the decoration of a public drinking fountain and a community-wide celebration on Earth Day, 2009.

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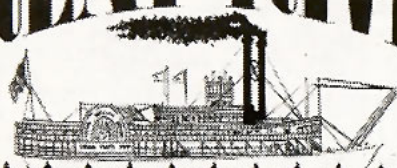
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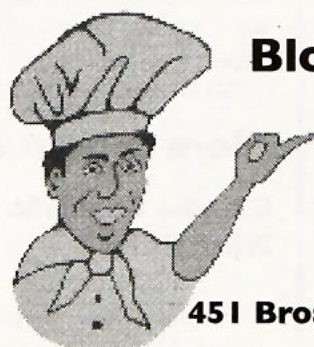
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Money raised for Winona's Women's Resource Center

Members of several Winona State University feminist clubs donated \$2,000 to the Winona Women's Resource Center located at 77 E. Fifth St.

The Women's Resource Center is dedicated to offering aid and council to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

The funds were raised at the Rock Against Violence concert held April 18 at The Draught Haus.

More than 20 Winona State clubs sponsored the event and participated in raising funds for the cause.

To make a donation to the Women's Resource Center, contact them online at wrc@wrcowinona.org.

Shakespeare returns this summer

Winona will celebrate its Fifth Annual Great River Shakespeare Festival from June 27-July 27, 2008.

The festival will include performances of 'The Merchant of Venice' and 'The Taming of the Shrew' and will take place at the Winona State University Performing Arts Center.

Now in its fifth season, this festival attracts professional actors, stage and set designers from around the country to perform Shakespeare's plays in

repertory for five weeks each summer.

Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$32 and may be purchased by calling 507-474-7900 or by visiting www.grsf.org.

Dinner theater and lodging packages are also available by contacting the theater.

The Theatre du Mississippi will offer an outdoor Prelude Series for the Great River Shakespeare Festival, running prior to the performances at Winona State on Friday and

Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The Prelude Concerts are free and take place outside of the theatre on the WSU campus.

Performances will take place between June 27 - July 26 on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Masonic Theater.

For tickets, visit www.tdm-winona.org.

SILENCE

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Nazeer and the other panel members discussed their frustration with how phrases such as "that's gay" have become synonymous with being stupid or weird.

The panel also talked about the fear, of both social and physical abuse, that gay or lesbian students face when they come out.

Jason Staskus, a senior who lead the discussion, talked about the importance of creating a welcoming atmosphere on campus for students coming out. He said that the atmosphere should be free from judgment and ridicule.

"If you're someone struggling with your homosexuality,

what kind of environment is that?" Staskus said.

Nursing major Mary Mellesmoen, who spoke on the panel, said she chose to come to Winona State because she felt safe and liked how welcoming the GLBTA was on campus.

After the panel discussion, participating students held a vigil dedicated to Lawrence King, a 15-year-old high school student in California who was shot and killed this year by a schoolmate because he was gay.

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WSU senior nationally presents his capstone paper on Milwaukee beer gardens

**Greg Eichten
WINONAN**

In the history department at Winona State University, seniors are required to do a two-semester long capstone paper of about 40 pages in length.

This paper gives students an opportunity to research and put to use the skills they have acquired through the course of their education.

Brandon Luedtke, a graduating senior at Winona State, was given the opportunity to present his capstone paper at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, Maryland.

Luedtke's paper was on the

subject of beer gardens in Milwaukee, Wis., and how their ties with nature helped German immigrants assimilate into American culture. He tied together ideas such as civic engagement, environmental history, immigration assimilation, and the park movement.

"In environmental history, nature is usually seen as a way to escape, but the beer gardens were getting people to come and be active in society," said Luedtke.

Some of Luedtke's greatest challenges in writing his paper were finding personal correspondents due to beer gardens going out of business, and having to work with people and

writings whose language was German.

Luedtke took advantage of Winona State grant money while he was researching for his paper.

The funds were used for transportation to Milwaukee so he could research in the city's archives. The funds also helped him present his research regionally in Kansas City, where he won a panel award for the paper, and nationally in Maryland for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

"This is a model of what you can do with the research funding and money, that allows you to take Winona State to a regional and national stage," said Matthew Lindaman, professor in the history department.

Luedtke also paid compliments to his fellow students who are working on their capstone papers.

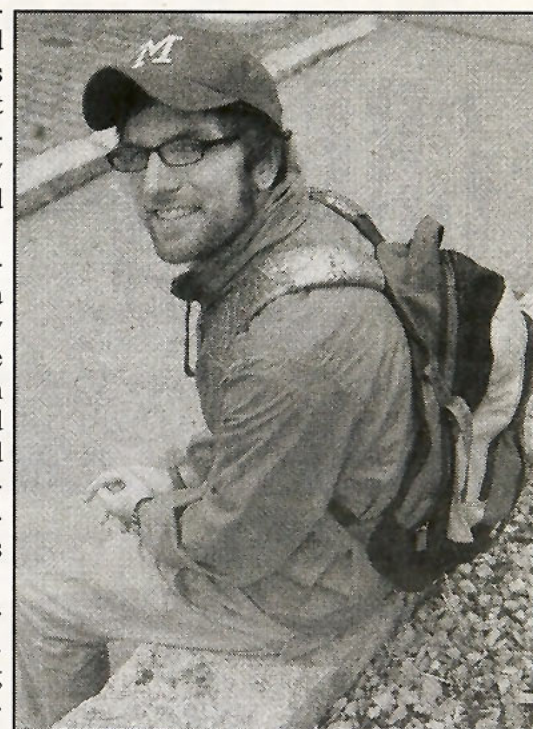
"I've seen a lot of

good stuff presented. I am impressed with everyone's papers and a lot of people are going on to do very great things," said Luedtke.

Luedtke is president of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor's society. He is graduating with a high GPA and has been offered full-ride scholarships to three different universities for graduate work.

"Brandon is a tenacious researcher. It's outstanding what he can put together," said Lindaman.

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Katherine Chickey/WINONAN
History major Brandon Luedtke was invited to present his capstone paper to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Maryland earlier this year.

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More construction planned for WSU's Wellness Center

**Claudia Cappiello
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Winona State University will face more construction in the next two years once plans for the new Integrated Wellness Center are finalized this summer.

The Integrated Wellness Center will be an addition of 78,000 square feet plus 4,800 of renovations. The work done will bring together Winona State's departments of health, exercise and rehabilitative science, and physical education and recreation with student life activities such as fitness, intramural sports, health, counseling and athletics.

The complex has been in the planning stages since 2006, but became

a reality when Minn. Governor Tim Pawlenty signed the \$717 million bonding bill, which provides Winona State with \$8.4 million, approximately half of the cost of the project.

Student fees and revenue bonds, totaling \$7.1 million, along with \$3 million in private donations, fund the remaining costs of the complex.

In a campus-wide e-mail message from President Judith Ramaley, she said, "The Integrated Wellness Complex is an important investment as we define how our University community will live and work in the future."

Winona State students will be some of the first in the country to be able to experience the complex that brings together the six dimensions of wellness: Intellectual, social, emotional, physical, occupational and spiritual.

The complex will incorporate general classrooms, learning

laboratories, consultation and examination rooms, an indoor track, cardiovascular fitness and strength training facilities, a new gymnasium, and aerobics classrooms as well as study and relaxation areas.

As the University is keeping with its effort to "Go Green," where feasible, recycled or renewable "green" products will be used, such as high post-consumer recycled content and low levels of volatile organic compounds to maintain a healthy indoor environment quality.

By adding the complex, it will eliminate \$400,000 in deferred maintenance projects and the need for \$669,400 to correct code problems in Memorial Hall resulting in accessible restrooms, widened corridors and doors as well as improved energy efficiency.

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WSU names this year's Professor of the Year

**Rachel Smith
WINONAN**

At the Student Senate meeting last Wednesday, Senator Josh Martin presented Dr. Tom Grier with Winona State University's Professor of the Year award. Students were able to vote online for the professor they believed deserved the title.

"I am really honored and humbled," Grier said at the senate meeting. "I'm honored because it came from the students and humbled because there are many great professors on campus who deserve this more than me."

Grier began working at Winona State in 1988, as the director of university communication. As director, he was in charge of handling all the media and public relations for the university. He was later offered a position as a part-time professor, teaching a visual communications class in the mass communication department.

About two years ago, Grier was asked to become a full time faculty member for the department. The department needed a professor with "general" ex-

perience in the mass communication fields, and Grier's past experience at the university rendered him as a top candidate.

"I applied but I didn't seriously think I'd get hired. I wasn't even sure I wanted the job, I just wanted to see what would happen," Grier said.

He struggled with deciding whether to take the teaching job or continue his work as the university's director of communication. His decision came down to deciding which position would allow him to do the most good and be the most influential.

He said he decided he would have the most impact teaching students.

"Students are my employers," Grier said. "I feel like they're the ones who care to give the most respect."

The first year as a full-time faculty member was very hard, Grier said, because he was averaging 90 hours of class time and preparation work for classes.

His work load has cut down since then, and he estimates devoting 50 to 60 hours each week to class and students.

Grier tries to make his classes

challenging, saying that he strives to stay away from a "copy and paste" type class.

Junior Kathryn Sayler, who has taken mass communication classes with Grier, said she appreciates his straightforward style of teaching and said she would take his classes again.

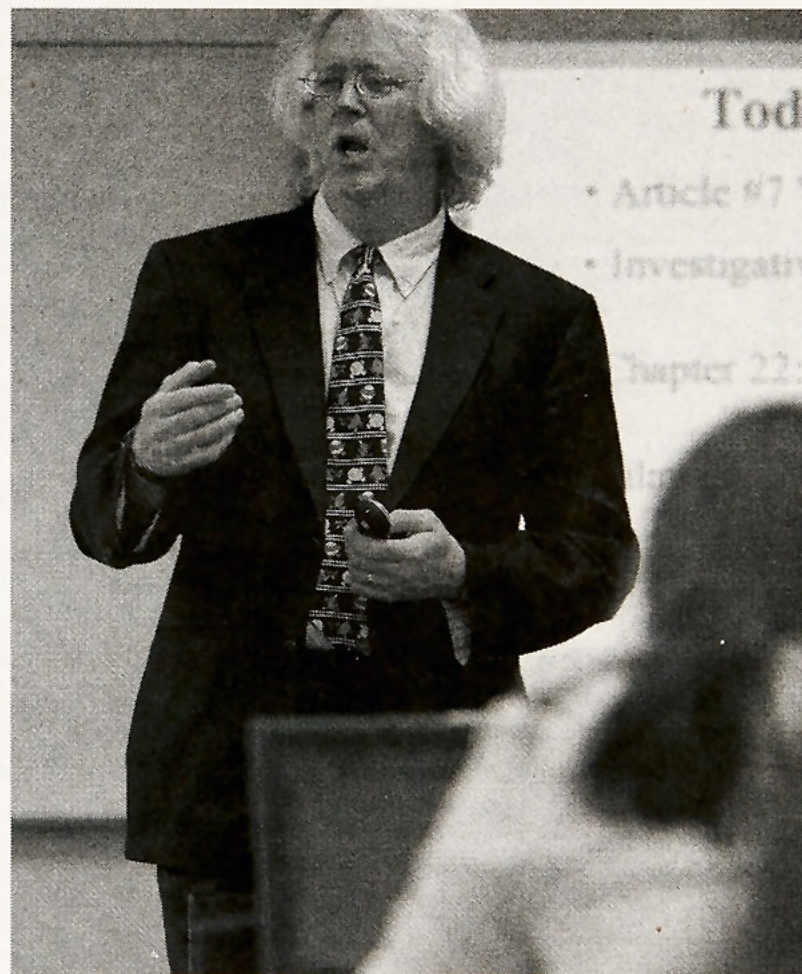
"He's very honest with you, when he grades your work, he gives you the grade you deserve," Sayler said.

One of the biggest rewards Grier said he gets from teaching is the continuous feedback from students. Grier said he uses course evaluations to make improvements to his class and in this way allows the students to help make the class better.

Grier is best known among his students for his personable nature and his collection cartoon neck ties.

Public relations major Megan Moolah, who has also had classes with Grier, said the award is well deserved.

"I don't like writing. I actually really hate it, but he makes writing worth doing and when you have someone teaching who really likes the subject, it starts to pass onto



Fred Schulze/WINONAN

WSU mass communication professor Tom Grier teaches a news writing class Wednesday in Pasteur Hall. Grier was named WSU's Professor of the Year.

you," Moolah said. "Plus, I really love his ties."

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Decker owned the company that was commissioned to do the four new panels.

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Students from Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical will also be able to use the services of the Integrated Wellness Center.

Students from the college will provide massage therapy as part of their program.

Bidding will start on Tuesday, Aug. 12 for contractors and the construction is scheduled to begin in mid-September.

Construction will last 18 months and the approximate date of completion is Mar. 15, 2010.

The building should be ready

for occupancy by Monday, April 5, 2010.

"The Integrated Wellness Complex will be a catalyst for new ideas and innovative solutions that will improve our world," said Ramaley.

Contact Claudia at CDCap-pie9866@winona.edu

Security Incidents

Friday, April 18

4:36 p.m. — A Hall Director reported some threatening and inappropriate writings in the Quad. Matter was referred to the Director of Security and Residence Life.

Saturday, April 19

9:42 p.m. — Security conducted a welfare check on a student in Lourdes. Student was located and found to be okay.

Sunday, April 20

12:50 a.m. — Several students were warned about loud noise in the Quad. Referred to the Hall Director.

11:45 p.m. — Security removed several non-students

from East Lake for possessing alcohol.

12:58 a.m. — Security responded to the Quad regarding a noise complaint. Upon arrival several students were cited for an alcohol violation. One student became disruptive and attempted to flee the area. The police were notified and the individual was eventually arrested. Matter also referred to the Hall Director.

Wednesday, April 23

6:00 p.m. — A trouble alarm activated at Tau. Referred to the Engineer.

Thursday, April 24

5:00 a.m. — A student was found passed out in Somsen Hall. EMS called and transported the student to the hospital. Unknown medical problem.

9:42 p.m. — A student was cited for an alcohol violation at East Lake. Referred to the Hall Director.

Friday, April 25

3:06 a.m. — Security responded to a trouble alarm at Tau. Referred to the Engineer.

4:15 a.m. — A family member requested assistance in attempting to locate a sister at WSU that he hadn't heard from. Student located and found to be okay.

Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis

Members of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority raised almost \$1400 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation during the Rock-A-Thon, April 17 in the Winona State courtyard

The amount exceeded their goal of \$1,000.

The sisters raised \$1290 in addition to \$90 from donations and a bake sale fundraiser. Between 40-50 sisters sat and rocked in the rain to raise money and awareness.

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Dumpster collection for Winona homes

The Winona State University Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Mission Winona Club and Winona Catholic Worker, are holding a Dumpster Diversion collection event for the Habitat Re-Store and two Winona Catholic Worker homes

The event will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., starting today until May 2 around Winona State's campus.

Volunteers will collect unwanted furniture, clean cloth-

ing, non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies to be donated to the Habitat Re-Store and two Winona Catholic Worker homes.

Volunteers will be present at dumpster locations on the WSU campus to collect unwanted furniture, clean clothing, non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies from students moving out of the residence halls.

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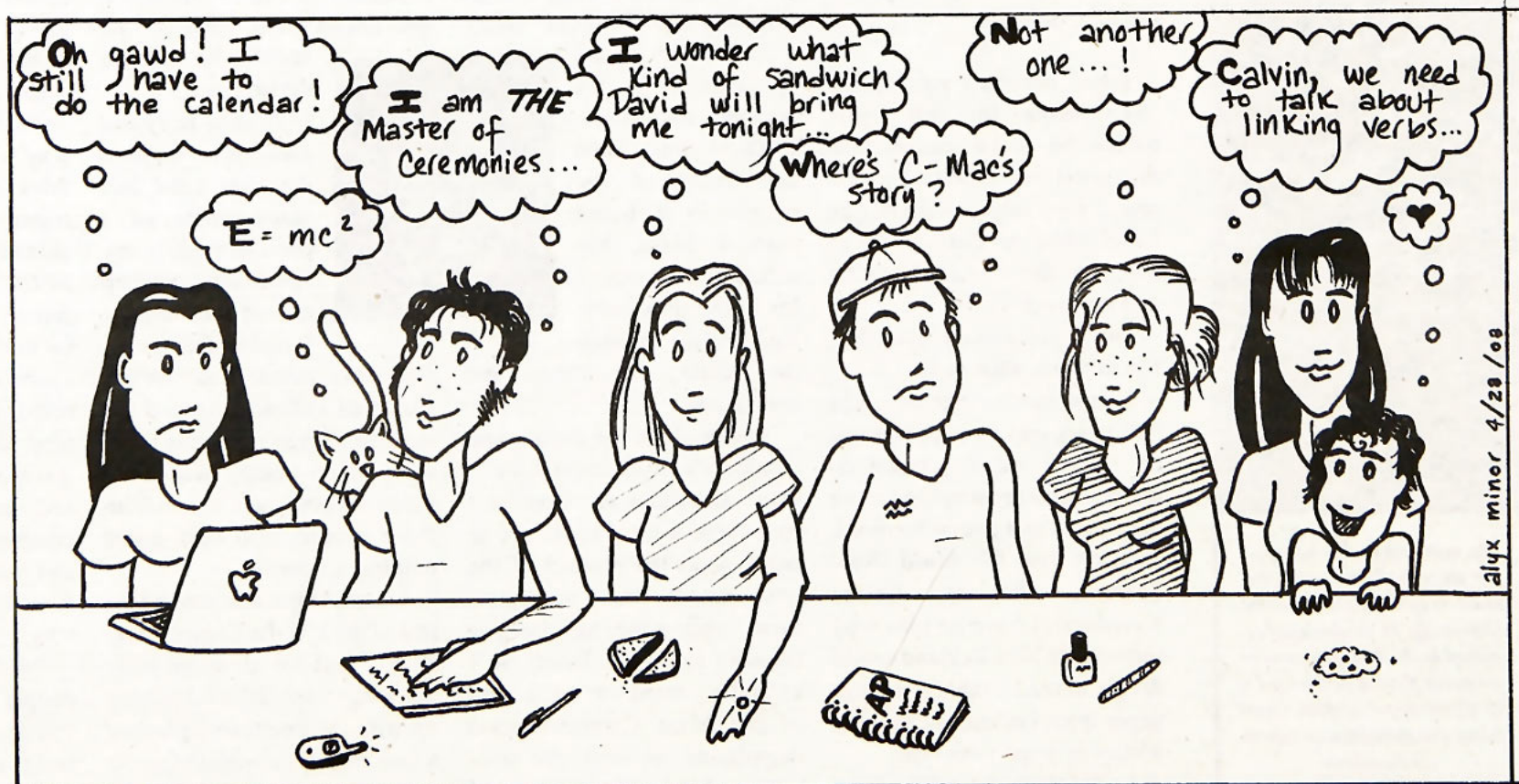
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Roomie, Thanks for the random adventures, the trips to Blooming Grounds, the endless talks about life, love, and everything in between, and for always being there when I needed a friend. You are simply amazing and I wish you all of the best.
Love you, Sally!

Congratulations Nate and Em! Nate, you're a gift from God and I love you so much. I'm sad you're leaving, but I can't wait to see what our future holds. Emily, I'm glad we've become friends and I'm excited to hear stories from your classroom! Love you both!
Love,
Jill

AS THE WINONAN TURNS...
INSIDE JOKES OF BEING AT LAYOUT



To those who made Winona feel like home

Ruth DeFoster
Op/Ed Columnist

In these rushed days leading up to graduation, I remember what it was like to graduate from high school—those exhilarating few days and weeks spent with my friends going to parties and dances and open houses, listening to that stupid song by Vitamin C and swearing we'd be friends forever.

It was surreal then, too. Going off to college. Leaving

home. The beginning of adulthood. We were giddy with anticipation.

But the unfortunate reality was that few of us kept in touch. I'm still close to one friend from high school. But only one.

Today, most of my high school classmates have graduated or are graduating from college. A few are in medical school or law school. A fair number are married or engaged; many have children. A few are in jail. One, a Russian-born prodigy for whom we all had immensely high hopes, died at 20 years old.

Suddenly I'm afraid college will be the same way—that we'll spread out across the

country in search of new horizons and slowly fall out of touch. That I'll forget the people with whom I've spent these last few years. Facebook is a wonderful tool, but it can't recreate—or even approximate—real-life, face-to-face relationships.

It didn't occur to me until just recently that graduating from Winona State would be so bittersweet. I transferred to Winona from a community college in Rochester. I commuted daily from Rochester for two years. I only began to feel at home at WSU during my senior year.

But now I'm starting to think of everything I'll be leaving behind.

The halls with the climbing vines that I love in the spring.



The spicy chicken wraps in the Smaug that aren't the slightest bit spicy. The Winonan offices, where my son spent countless hours building towers of couch cushions and eating cookies that someone invariably provided him. The Maxwell Children's Center, the wonderful campus daycare he attended since he was six months old. The Acoustic Café, where I ate innumerable lunches with friends. Our Sanborn Street apartment with the uneven walls and red-painted floors where my son watched the Amtrak trains from his window.

Most of all, though, when I move away—in a few short weeks—I'll miss the people I met here. My professors, all of whom let me see the world through different eyes, and the friends I met at WSU—too many to name here—who made

my experience here something I will miss greatly.

It's so weird that's its ending. I know change is just another part of life, and I know it's a necessary transition that I always knew was coming. But I'm not sure I like it.

For my friends, my teachers, my classmates, and everyone else who took the time to pick up a newspaper and read what I've written here over this last year:

Thank you for making Winona feel like home. Good luck with your endeavors over the next horizon—and I hope the years don't make strangers out of us.

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The many things I shall miss at Winona

Samuel Keane-Rudolph
Op/Ed Columnist

I had expected writing my last column for this paper would be a bit easier than my usual last-minute frenetic search for a subject—given that I'd planned out three weeks in advance this week's column and last week's.

But as I sit down to type this, I'm not sure what to say.

I've written here for two and a half years, and I've commented on campus issues, jumped up and down on my soapbox (more than once) and gotten feedback from all over the world (New Zealand, Germany, United Kingdom). I have no idea why someone in New Zealand would decide to read a tabloid college paper from Podunk, Minn., but whatever floats your boat.

In the three years I've been

at Winona State, even though this was the 11th-hour safety school when I did applications, it's become my home. I know this town and many of the people in it better than I know my actual hometown. I know the university, the paths through the bluffs, the stores and restaurants.

I think about the friends and mentors I've had here, and, the... loyal opposition, on occasion. I owe them a lot. People are in many ways the product of the environment that surrounds them, and mine has been a blessing and a challenge. So I extend my thanks to the faculty of the Mass Communication department, at least, the ones whose classes I've taken, and

especially Ellen Severson and Sheila Rinn, since we all know who runs the department.

Also to Jerry and Jane, who stopped the East Lake bus many times so I can run back to my apartment to pick up one of the things I forget so frequently.

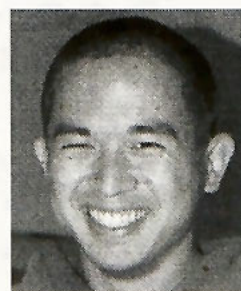
Brandon Zieske and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship—and the associated Prentiss-Lucas Bible study group—many friends and much support have come from those people, who have asked nothing in return.

I thank Major Hansen and the rest of the UW-La Crosse Army ROTC unit for all those early mornings, especially for putting up with the one time I planned a ruck march through Pelzer St. without knowing they'd literally

removed something like eight blocks of that street and turned it into a dirt mountain. Road construction. Who knew?

With all the fond memories, why would I want to leave? I think about fighting with the registrar, not getting financial aid because I transferred, having SCCC's posters torn down by fellow students too cowardly to do it in our presence, my apartment's lead paint and mold, the loud sex I can hear next door, having to pay to do work, having homework and the times I've brought my computer in to Tech Support and had it come out worse. And then I think: Oh yeah, that's why.

I will miss this place and the people in it. But I'm still glad I'm leaving. So long, I guess, and thanks for all the fish.



Your actions affect many: be responsible

Paul Solberg
Editor-in-Chief

Imagine a young man who recently graduated from high school, eagerly looking forward to college and the prospect of meeting new people. He has a good life, and things are going well for him. He's been dating his girlfriend for just over a year and three months.

Now imagine he's on his way home from visiting his brother in Madison for three days and passes an accident five miles from home—only to find out later that his girlfriend was involved in the accident, in a devastating way.

She was the person who was

hit head-on by a drunk driver, and crushed underneath the Ford F-150 that landed on her vehicle after it flipped across the median.

If you guessed the young man was me, you're right.

I'm not looking for pity, though—that is not the purpose of this article.

I begin with this story to draw your attention to the harmful effects of irresponsible drinking that often affect innocent people.

I wouldn't want anyone to endure the psychological hurdles I overcame in becoming who I am today. I speak from

experience when I say it was devastating, but also influential in shaping who I later became.



And I'm not the only one personally affected by irresponsible drinking.

In 2006 there were 13,470 fatalities in crashes that

involved alcohol, 32 percent of all traffic fatalities that year.

Maybe I'm biased, but that number seems astoundingly high.

The purpose of this editorial is not to say, "don't drink" or, "alcohol is evil" because there

are positive aspects associated with it, and I believe everyone should be able to enjoy what they like, as long as it doesn't harm others.

My aim is to enlighten you that alcohol can lead to poor decisions, furthered by the fact being drunk alters the ability to properly reason.

Remember there is a difference between having a few beers socially, and hammering down as many as you can and blacking out until noon the day after.

Besides, how can a night be fun if you can't remember what you did? What can you say when people ask, "that party last week was insane, do you

remember when you jumped off the roof onto the pong table?"

"Um, no but I was told about it afterwards."

It's important to remember that your ability (or inability) to drink responsibly may cause profound effects in others' lives, including depression, anxiety issues and paranoia.

So the next time your friend tries to grab your keys, don't say, "I haven't had that many," thank them for being a caring friend and looking out for you.

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Life seemed better in the 90's

Sarah Burgen
News Editor

The world is going to end. This is what I am told every day by my friend Fred. The price of oil is ridiculous, conflict in the world is increasing in intensity and the economy is bad.

Those who know me know that I have a predisposition to worry. However, as I get older, and as I begin to actually listen to my mom's advice, I realize that worrying about things going on in the world isn't going to do me a damn bit of good.

In about a week and a half, I turn 21 years old. I'm about to finish my junior year of college. I'm spending my first summer without my parents. I need to get a second part-time job. A year from now, I'll be finishing college. I'll be starting the rest of my life.

The first thing my brain does when I start thinking about these

things is scream, "DANGER! DANGER!"

However, this time around, instead of worrying, I'm choosing to regress back in time. Earlier today, I sent out text messages to several of my friends proclaiming that I wished it were 1993. Why 1993? I'm not quite sure. It's most likely because while I'm sure the world sucked as much as it does now, I didn't know

about it. The only thing I worried about was being able to watch "Eureka's Castle" before my afternoon kindergarten class with Ms. Albers.



Chances are if you're a traditional student at this university who had cable during the 1990's, you know exactly what show I'm talking about. You probably also remember "Clarissa Explains It All," "Pete and Pete,"

"Doug," "Hey Arnold," "Ren and Stimpy," "Angry Beavers," "All That," "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and an assortment of other shows that were featured on the kids' channel to end all kids' channels, Nickelodeon.

Can't you hear the *Rugrats* themesong and taste the Crystal Pepsi already?

All of my elementary school years were spent in the suburbs of Kansas City, Mo. I think the reason my nostalgia has kicked in is because I was there over my spring break. Driving in areas where I remember riding in my parents' Aerostar van was a mind-trip. I can pin point the spot in Overland Park, Kan., a city just west of Kansas City, which makes me feel six again. It's at the intersection of 119th Street and Metcalf Avenue. There's a Hobby Lobby and a McDonald's right there. I remember dreading going to Hobby Lobby, but looking forward to getting a Coke and McNuggets after a boring afternoon looking at craft

supplies.

The point is, I wish I were almost six instead of almost 21. I wish everything could be fixed by a trip to McDonald's to get a Happy Meal. I wish I could play outside for hours, and then come inside to a meal cooked by my mom. I wish my Barbie dolls weren't decapitated and that Polly Pocket's were still actual pocket-sized. I wish Nickelodeon still had quality shows, and the channel's stars weren't getting pregnant at 16.

During this time of chaos and fear, maybe we should try to remember those times...when a bike was the most stylish way to get around and getting pizza was a special treat.

If we don't, we'll just worry all the time, which, according to my mom, will get us nowhere.

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Winona State calling: Annual Phonathon

Stephanie Vetter
Ashley Bronk
WINONAN

While people may not like to admit it, sometimes money really does seem to make the world go round. However, the staff and finance coordinators at Winona State University try to make money less of a burden for students.

Winona State strives to take the initiative to help those who need financial assistance and gives what it can, when it can. After all, Winona State University would not be a "community of learners" if there were no learners to make the community.

One of Winona State's largest fund raising events is its Phonathon.

The Phonathon consists of roughly 40 students, who call themselves the "Witty Warriors."

These students contact alumni, parents of students and

friends of the university to raise money for the university.

While raising money, the callers also update alumni on newsworthy events happening on campus and in Winona. Updating alumni, parents of students and friends helps to maintain the relationship between people who care about Winona and the university itself.

"Some people just like to talk about the university. I'll spend 10 minutes on the phone with someone and not get a donation," said Courtney Cosgriff,



Eji Ativie, a senior biology major from Nigeria, calls a potential donor at Winona State University's Phonathon.

a junior who has worked for Winona State's Phonathon for almost two years.

Over the course of the academic year, the Witty Warriors call from 5:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Each year they call about

the staff does a good job of keeping people motivated."

The money raised from the Phonathon is distributed to multiple causes at Winona State.

Donors may request that their donations be used for specific scholarships, clubs, teams or

50,000 people and reach more than 18,000.

"Depending on who you're calling, non-donors or regular givers, some nights can be pretty slow," Cosgriff said. "Usually callers average only two to four donations a night, but

academic departments. If they do not specify, donations go into the general fund before being dispersed throughout areas in need of extra finances.

Eighty-five percent of the money raised is used directly used for Winona State's merit and need-based scholarship programs. The remaining money is dispersed to classroom upgrades such as lab equipment, student and faculty research, library acquisitions and other areas of education.

Last year the Winona State's Phonathon raised approximately \$260,000.

This year, goals have been placed at \$300,000.

"We accept all donations, from \$5 to \$500 or more," Cosgriff said. "Donations of all sizes are appreciated."

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STAYING IN WINONA?

Jessica Larsen
WINONAN

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The Ruckus

A music review for a town without a record store.

Rising Down to the Top

**Jack Chandler
WINONAN**

Fifteen years is a long time.

Even longer, actually, when you consider that 1993 was the year Philadelphia hip-hop rockers The Roots first introduced themselves to grunge-flavored flannels of early 90's rock fans.

A hip-hop act trying to break through to the PJ masses?

Doesn't exactly sound like a demographic that would offer up brotherly love to a bunch of jam poets, and since the early struggles, members have come and gone, marketing divisions have neglected releases, too many shows have been played, yet one thing remains constant: The Roots are still here.

The "hardest working group in hip-hop" has seemingly come full circle with the release of "Rising Down," their 10th studio album and second with Def Jam Records.

The most politically poignant effort of the group's 15-year career reflects a time when people are looking for self-assurance, and The Roots refuse to let themselves off the hook.

A simple intro of recorded phone arguments from group

members through the years sets up "Rising Down" as an aggressively dark follow up to 2006's somber "Game Theory."

The album's self-titled first cut rides a spacey riff from guitarist Captain Kirk and attitude stacked bars from pal Mos Def.

Accomplished ghostwriter, Styles P, gets some shine on this dilated track too, contributing a verse that buzzes with as much frequency as the bloated synths found on "Rising Down."

"Get Busy" is an authentic Roots track in every sense: dark-as-dungeon bass lines, grainy set work from bandleader Ahmir (?uestlove) Thompson, and retro scratching courtesy of DJ Jazzy Jeff that would make the Jam-Master proud.

Ahmir's snare snaps feel like they've been constructed to rock spines up the back of listener's necks, and once up there MC Black Thought delivers more bullish bars to knock the brain.

Aside from their authentic hip-hop band sound, The Roots deliver a wide spectrum of instrumentation that adds to key spots on the record.

There's low-end horn play

from Tuba Gooding Jr. ("Black's Reconstruction"), go-go percussion from Knuckles ("Rising Up"), and the type of raw synthesizers that Prince-fan Ahmir Thompson warmly encouraged key man Kamal to let loose with ("The Show").

A few tracks are a little wayward in terms of musical message; even if lyrically Black Thought is right on point.

Cuts "I Will Not Apologize" and "Lost Desire" give fans some insight to the bands psyche on the recording business, and how their careers have played (or rather not played) out along the way.

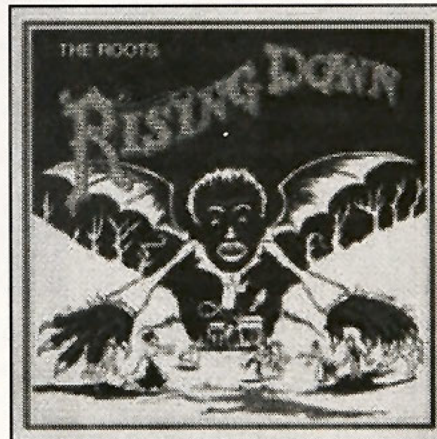
The former is a funk plucker that seems a little out of place amongst this group of brooding memoirs, and it's hard to get in the right frame of mind after going half an hour dressing up to the grays, blues and blacks of "Rising Down."

"Desire" is a headphones driver overload, and one of the rare examples of when The Roots healthy contingent of great musicians leads to a few stepped-on toes.

How ironic that the always exceptional Talib Kweli gets his two verses on these two tracks.

The go-go cut "Rising Up" is the go-to on "Rising Down."

Throwback soulstress Chrisette Michelle croons a fresh take to the typical "where has all the good music gone" conscious rap look out claiming, "Yesterday I saw a b-girl cryin, I walked



up and asked what's wrong/she told me the radio's been playin the same song all day long."

A high-energy performance from D.C. newcomer Wale gets sandwiched between a pair of thought verses, who assures us all will be well through the hilariously dated anecdote "We gonna dominate the globe like Oprah did it/we gettin paper like John Travolta get it."

What is most evident on "Rising Down" is The Roots' insistence to hold their ground. The Philly boys are still making good albums, still packing clubs all over the country and still being neglected from mainstream love.

The thinning big-label music industry has helped the group reach unknown heights of popularity recently, but drawing attention to their career injustices is still a lyrical vice for The Roots.

If you can get past the fact that this album deals with some cloudy overhead, "Rising Down" will be one of the better spins you have this spring. Open your umbrella so you don't get rained on!

The Fire Five

1

"All Summer Long"

The Beach Boys

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2

"Summertime"

**The Fresh Prince
and DJ Jazzy Jeff**

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3

"Summer Girls"

LFO

Waaay too funny to not include on this list. Listening to these lyrics eight years later makes me feel good about where pop music is today. I challenge you to find another song that name drops Abercrombie and Fitch in both a verse and the main chorus. "I like Kevin Bacon but I hate Footloose?" That is wrong on so many levels.

4

"Summertime Blues"

The Who

There ain't no cure for the summertime blues. I wasn't even aware there was such a thing, so if you're experiencing the summertime blues look up at the clear sky or down at the grass you're standing on. It's going to be gone in four months.

5

"Summer In the City"

Lovin' Spoonful

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Film

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Director

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Cast

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Conley,

MPAA Rating

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Run Time

102 minutes

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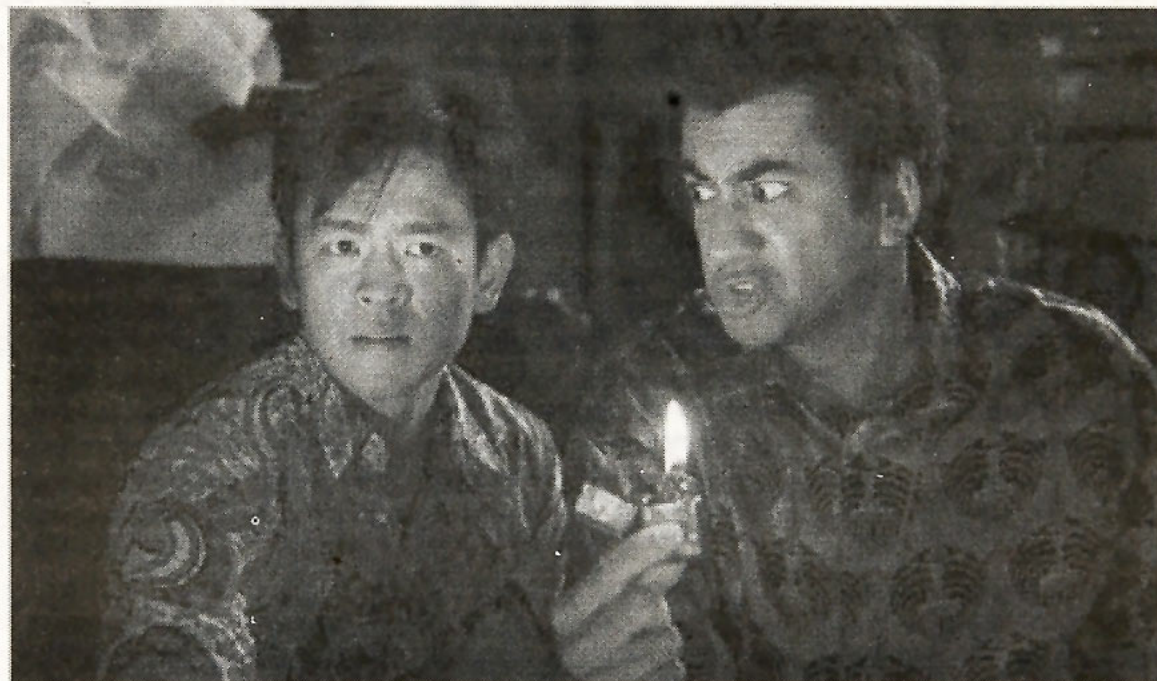
When I first heard that Harold and Kumar were going on another adventure my initial reaction was...indifference. Their first outing to White Castle didn't have me running out to Wal-Mart to buy it on DVD, so when I decided to review "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay," I didn't quite understand why.

Let's get one thing straight, I understand that this movie and all movies similar to it are meant for fun. They can't be taken seriously, even as comedies, and I need to judge them at face value.

With that said, "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay" was still bad.

I want to get right in to what I disliked so much about the movie starting (and probably ending) with the humor.

I personally know, as does anyone who knows me fairly well, that I don't get offended.



©Movies

Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn) star in "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay."

I offend, that is true, but as far as things actually getting to me and offending me, well, it's a rare situation.

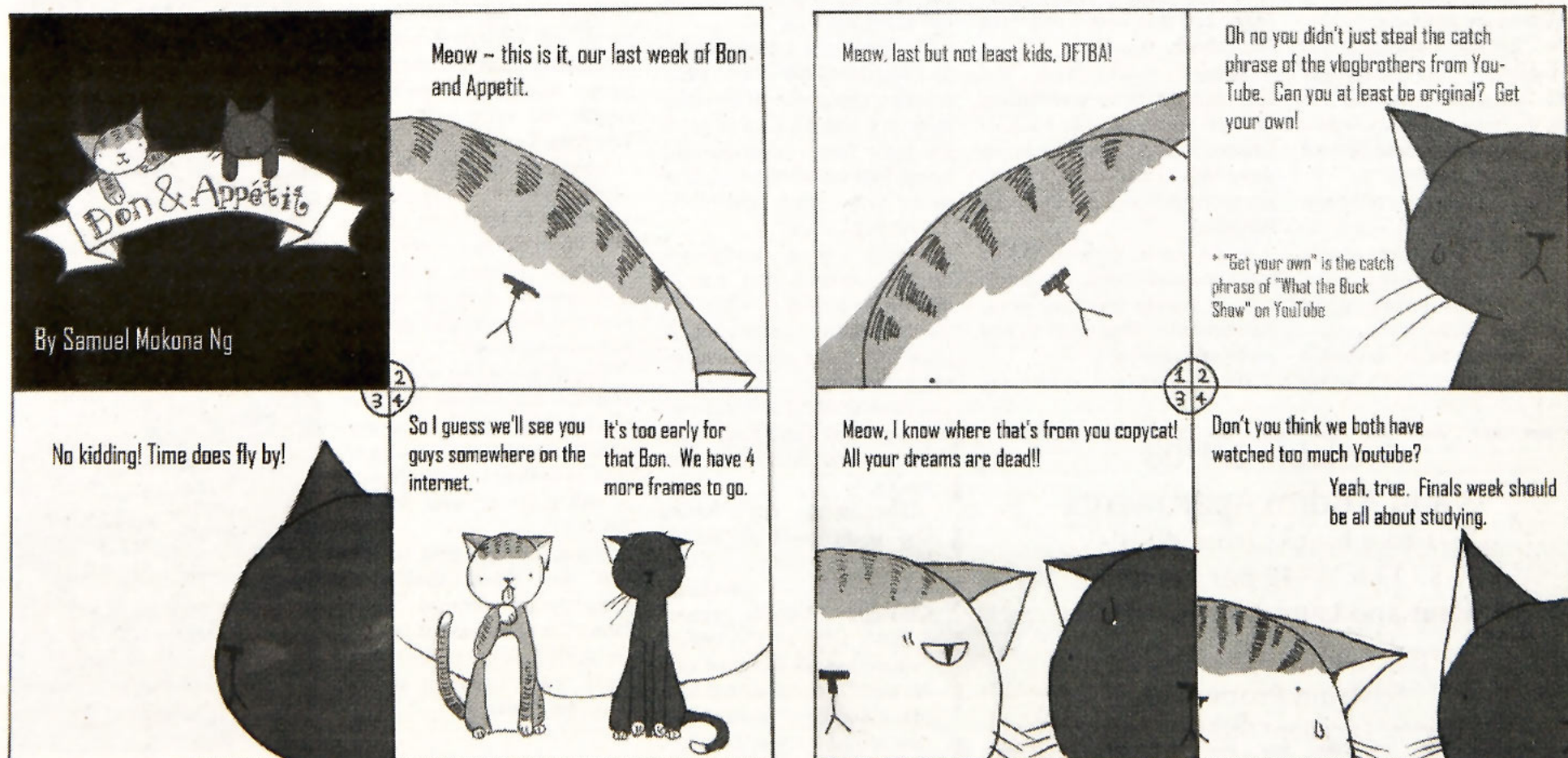
Now, how is it then, that

walking out of this movie I felt like I had just watched the most racist, sexually ludicrous and, I'll say it, offensive movie that I've ever had to sit through.

Within the first 15 minutes, Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn) have already been

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Sometimes the color of your outfit may be a factor in how you're perceived. Every color sends a message about its wearer. Brown, surprisingly, is one of the best; it conveys that you're down-to-earth, trusting, and easy to work with, yet modern.

Smile during interviews; always be pleasant.

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Sugar Loaf is a solid piece of Winona's history

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Towering 500 feet over eastern Winona, Sugar Loaf has been a tourist attraction for site seekers and hikers in Winona and the surrounding areas for years.

Sugar Loaf is a result from the quarrying of limestone that took place through most of the 1880s. Some of the limestone was used for Winona's sidewalks and buildings.

Still today, the limestone from Sugar Loaf can be found on street curbs and sidewalks on the south side of Wabasha Street, Huff and Harriet, Ewing Street and near St. Casmir's Church.

Sugar Loaf was previously called Wapasha's Cap after Wapasha II, chief of the resident Dakota tribe, who was said to wear a feathered red cap that resembled the hill.

The original configuration of the bluff which is now Sugar Loaf was a rounded dome with a fringe of evergreen on the

crown. It was known to early explorers, traders, tourists and river boat pilots.

The mining was started by John O'Dea, a pioneer from Ireland who settled in Winona in 1878.

O'Dea wanted to get involved in Winona's business life that dealt with limestone, coal, wood, firebrick and builder's supplies.

When O'Dea needed more limestone to keep his business going, he purchased Wapasha's Cap. The bluff proved to be more lucrative in limestone slabs than expected.

The use of limestone began with the need to improve city sidewalks, most of which were made of wood and burned in a 1862 fire that destroyed 90 percent of the downtown district.

The limestone was installed before the turn of the 20th century and was met with such success that a city ordinance was passed in late 1890 specifying that only stone should be used for sidewalks.

Buildings in the area also be-

gan to utilize the stone.

For 10 years, O'Dea and his crew worked on mining, shrinking the bluff down to its current size.

O'Dea's obituary said that the project was abandoned in 1888 when the quarry was no longer profitable.

At 85 feet high, the almost square but slightly trapezoidal chunk of limestone sits out of harms way because of the 1950 purchase by the Daughters of the American Revolution who bought the property so that it could be retained as a permanent Winona landmark.

In March 2004, tons of limestone sheared off the northwest face of Sugar Loaf, leaving a dark trail of rock rubble in the snow, down a lower cliff face and onto the tree-covered slope below.

The cascade stopped about 100 yards short of the nearest house.

The shape that was left after mining, erosion, weathering and rock slides is what is known as Sugar Loaf today.



Jackie Hahn/WINONAN

Winona's current Sugar Loaf is the result of limestone mining in the 1880s.

ESCAPE

sent to and escaped from Guantanamo Bay, but within those 15 minutes there are jokes that bear resemblance to an awful prison drama.

What's happened, and is still happening, in Guantanamo Bay is something I didn't think any comedy writer with a pen and half a brain would ever touch.

I was wrong.

One scene in particular honestly made me feel sick because of how awful the situation was and how often it probably happens.

I knew I wasn't overreacting because the college aged crowd of over 100 people was dead silent as this took place, proving

that some places you go to desperately for laughs just fall flat.

Aside from the boundary-pushing sexual humor, another element this movie abuses beyond recognition is racial humor.

When I mention the term stereotype, I'm not referring to Sony. This movie tackled

almost every brash generalized stereotype I could think of.

It covered so many, I think at one point I was truly trying to come up with one that they missed.

Now one could argue that since they hit everyone it's ok. It's true that in its inclusion of every ethnicity, religion or other sect of personhood that "Guantanamo Bay" can get away with its racist remarks, but that doesn't make them funny.

Like always, however, every disaster has some redeeming moments.

Were there times that I laughed out loud?

Absolutely.

I also appreciated a well-placed "Goonies" reference that was unfortunately spoiled by spelling it out for the audience.

I'll conclude my final review of the year by making

one thing clear: Lots of people will like this movie.

I understand how people can like this movie and if you think that person is you, then go see it.

I've reviewed movies this year that ranged from awful to great, but in reality, it's just a matter of perception.

I give "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay" a C because it did make me laugh, but man, lots of the time it didn't.

Enjoy the upcoming summer; there's going to be some great flicks.

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Bedtime stories now available on children's iPods

AP - Don Katz has a vision for the kids of America: He wants to take the technology that brings the Jonas Brothers to their ears and use it to deliver the Brothers Grimm.

Nearly a third of children ages six to 10 are regular users of digital audio players, according to market research firm the NPD Group. And thanks to entrepreneurs like Katz, they can now use them to listen to bedtime stories.

In March, the Audible.com founder launched AudibleKids.com, where children can download books directly onto their digital audio players.

"I hear lots of people talking, saying that when they put their kids to bed, they put them down with an audiobook," says Audio Publishers Association president Michele Cobb.

Kids' and teens' books accounted for 13 percent of national audiobook sales in 2007, according to the Audio Publishers Association.

That's a relatively small number, but it's nearly double the

seven percent that was estimated by the group in 2004.

AudibleKids, which offers books for preschoolers on up, aims to stoke their interest further by offering a social networking community where they can talk about books with each other and with parents, teachers and even authors such as R.L. Stine of "Goosebumps" fame.

Random House's Listening Library has been producing audiobooks for kids for more than 50 years.

What's new is the digital technology — companies such as Fisher-Price and Disney now sell kid-friendly digital audio players for children as young as two.

Katz believes that reaching kids through digital media may inspire them to have a lifelong love of books — even the old-fashioned printed kind.

"The world of reluctant readers is huge," he says. For many children, Katz says, "reading outcomes tend to fall apart around 3rd grade," which is often the same time that parents

stop reading to their kids.

Digital audiobooks, especially those narrated by talented artists, can "extend the pleasure of being read to by your parents into 5th, 6th, 7th grades," he says. And talented artists are lining up to narrate — Macmillan Audio launched a children's list this spring with narrations by Gwyneth Paltrow and Tony Shaloub.

"Listening is a powerful method to retain the meaning of the story and to turn people on to the concept of well-chosen words," Katz says. "The interpretation of the reader, that adds layers to it. If you ever enjoyed 'Charlotte's Web,' to hear Edmund Wilson read it is a transcendent experience."

For some moms and dads, the idea of kids chatting online about Holden Caulfield instead of Hannah Montana is pretty compelling.

But for those who spent their own childhood summers reveling in the crisp pages of paperbacks, there are real concerns about what may be lost if their

offspring tackle a summer reading list via MP3.

The American Library Association recommends reading every day to children who are not yet in school. The group says it's not just hearing the story that's important — it's connecting the words to the letters on a page, and eventually learning to read them.

The association's president, University of Texas professor Lorie Roy, believes that audiobooks can play a valuable role in encouraging literacy, but they're not meant to be used exclusively.

"Audio books can help the good reader and the struggling reader," she says, because they help young readers to listen beyond their reading level.

But, she says, "Parents are the first teachers and the best role modelers. If you want the child to be an independent reader, someone who'll pick up the text, they're going to watch what adults do."

The temptation to skip the nightly routine might be strong,

even though nothing beats a live performance, says Susan Linn, author of "The Case for Make Believe: Saving Play in Our Commercialized World."

"In a way," Linn says, "this is another gadget for outsourcing parenting."

Even among today's multitasking teens, listening instead of reading might cause them to lose focus as they half-listen while attempting to reach the next level of "Halo 3" and text-messaging a friend.

Katz says he isn't aiming to discourage parents from reading to their children. But with kids so fully embracing the digital age, he believes it's the best way to reach them.

"It's not just that every kid has an MP3 in his or her pocket," he says. "It's that there's a cultural and almost educational change going on that has to do with kids being extremely adept at multimedia and multisensory intake."

Social networking applications popular — but at what risk?

CHICAGO - Sarah Brown is unusually cautious when it comes to social networking. The college sophomore doesn't have a MySpace page and, while she's on Facebook, she does everything she can to keep her page as private as she can.

"I don't want to have to worry about all the different online

scandals and problems," says Brown, an education major at St. Joseph College in Connecticut. She'd like to control her personal information and keep it out of the hands of identity thieves or snooping future employers. "It's just common sense."

It sounds like her info is

locked down and airtight. But is it?

Turns out, even the privacy-conscious Sarah Browns of the world freely hand over personal information to perfect strangers. They do so every time they download and install what's known as an "application," one

of thousands of mini-programs on a growing number of social networking sites that are designed by third-party developers for anything from games and sports teams to trivia quizzes and virtual gifts.

Brown, for instance, has installed applications on her Facebook page for Boston Bruins fans and another that allows her

to post "bumper stickers" on her own page and those of her friends. It's a core way to communicate on social networking sites, which allow friends to create pages about themselves and post photos and details about their lives and interests.

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WSU Briefs: Williams goes out on top in No. 4 singles

By WINONAN staff

The odds were against Zach Williams.

Williams, a senior on the Winona State University men's tennis team, lost a coin flip and drew the No. 1 seed in the semifinals of the North Central Conference men's tennis championships Friday at Gold's Gym Tennis Center.

Williams' No. 4 singles opponent was St. Cloud State's Kevin Lukens, who beat Williams twice during the regular season last year and again in the NCC No. 4 singles title match.

"Going in I thought, 'He's the No. 1 seed — I have nothing to lose,'" Williams said. "It was my last college match, so I just wanted to go out there, have fun, do my best, have no regrets

and leave it all on the court."

Williams left the court with a 6-3, 6-4 victory and another shot at an NCC individual title. This time, losing wasn't an option.

"A couple of points went my way, and I think I executed a little more when it came down to crunch time," Williams said, referring to his victory over Lukens. "You can't ever overlook somebody, but I think my hardest opponent was going to be (Lukens). Once I beat him, I was like, 'I know I can do this now. Now I have to win — there's no other alternative.'"

In the end, Williams came out on top in his final collegiate match. He defeated Minnesota State-Mankato's Bryan Hoff 6-3, 6-4.

"It was nice to go out on a winning note. I think very few

college athletes can say they won their final match, their final game, their final whatever," Williams said. "But it would have been nice to see our team win overall."

The Warriors finished in second place, eight points behind first-place St. Cloud State, which won its seventh consecutive NCC title. All but two championship matches came down to WSU vs. SCSU.

WSU junior Gage Davidson took second place in No. 1 singles, sophomore Aaron Lentz placed second in No. 2 singles, and freshman Stuart Booth was the runner-up in No. 3 singles.

WSU freshmen Taylor Rens at No. 5 singles and Tanner Bishop at No. 6 singles each finished in third place.

All three of WSU's doubles teams finished in second place: Davidson and Lentz (No. 1), Williams and Rens (No. 2), and Bishop and Booth (No. 3).

The WSU women's team,

which won its fourth consecutive Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship April 20, will participate in the North Central Region tournament May 8-10 at Southwest Baptist University (Mo.).

Women's golf

The Winona State University women's golf team's season came to an end Sunday with an eighth-place finish in the ten-team Okoboji Invitational.

Despite low temperatures and consistent 20-mph winds that reached gusts of 40 mph Saturday, the Warriors shot a 345 at the par-72 Spencer Country Club and trailed Upper Iowa by 17 strokes.

It didn't get much better

Sunday.

"Unfortunately, the second day didn't go as well as I hoped," WSU coach Erika Vail said. "The course was more difficult and extremely wet, and temperatures were still very, very cold."

WSU shot a 357 on the second day of the two-round tournament at Emerald Hills Country Club and finished the tournament with a 702. Courtney Sovereign shot a 174 and tied for 28th to lead WSU.

The Warriors aren't completely finished for the season.

WSU junior Megan Placko will compete in the regional tournament as an individual at Grand Forks, N.D., Sunday through Wednesday.



Williams



Placko

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Despite team struggles, Olson having career year

**Justin Magill
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One thing has haunted the Winona State University baseball team all season:

Getting hits in key situations.

There is an exception to that: Ronnie Olson.

After an outstanding freshman year, in which Olson started 42 of 44 games for WSU, hitting .394 with 52 hits and 34 RBIs, there hasn't been the dreaded sophomore slump.

In fact, Olson said his sophomore year has been something

special.

"This has been the best season of my life," he said.

Olson has been the offensive juggernaut for WSU all season, leading the team in nearly every offensive category with a .404 batting average, 27 RBIs, 29 runs and seven doubles.

"I wasn't expecting to have a better season," Olson said. "Just to be the same as last year."

Olson has played in all 37 games, starting 36 of them, making him the iron man for the Warriors.

"I planned on red-shirting my freshman year, with hopes

of getting time my sophomore year," he said. "It was awesome to get so much time last year."

The WSU baseball team is lucky to even have Olson on its team, since he was contemplating whether or not to play baseball after high school. But he decided he couldn't possibly go on without it.

"I was thinking about just going to school for academics," Olson said. "Winona was the only school recruiting me, had a good business program and I had to keep playing baseball so I went with it."

The second baseman has had to work hard on his game during the offseason, coming off a year in which he had 13 errors.

"My defense is a lot better this year and it's contributed to the rest of my game," Olson said.

This season, Olson has only three errors.

With success on the rise, Olson said he has no idea what or who to credit for it.

"No idea. Maybe getting older," Olson said.

WSU coach Kyle Pooch said Olson has the right mentality when at the plate.

"When he's batting, he takes good approaches to hitting," Pooch said.

Pooch said, coming into this year, teams knew how good Olson was and were going to approach his at-bats differently.

That's why it's still a shock to Olson why he's had such a solid season.

"Teams know more about me now, but I guess I don't know how I've got better numbers."

Whatever Olson's doing, he's doing it well, but ask him and he won't be able to give an answer.

He's been the man carrying

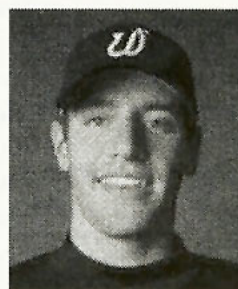
the offense all season, the one who's keeping WSU alive for another Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament title.

The past week was one WSU would soon like to forget.

Being in a position to make a move in the NSIC standings, the Warriors played the top two

teams and lost all six games against them.

First was a two-game set against conference leader Wayne State (Neb.), a team that will most likely win the NSIC regular-season title.



Olson

WSU was riding high after dismantling Minnesota-Crookston, but for the second time this season was swept by WSC after completing a four-game sweep of its own.

The Warriors swept Northern State (S.D.) in March before their first series against WSC.

WSU lost the games 9-3 and 11-5.

It was much of the same for the Warriors, who played at Upper Iowa in a four-game series.

UIU won all four games by scores of 9-4, 8-1, 10-2 and 5-3, adding more losses to the Warriors' losing streak.

"We didn't play well," Pooch said. "They're good teams who hit the ball well and we didn't"

WSU has been nailed with injuries of late and, to make matters worse, key players have suffered them.

"We don't like to use that as an excuse, but we have been hit pretty hard," Pooch said.

In his outing against UIU, Donny Erdall left in the second inning with a groin injury.

Starting centerfielder Mike Wendland broke his hand during the week, and Andrew Kes, who's been WSU's power source of late, is injured too.

NSIC preseason pitcher of the year Bryan Ruff missed starts against WSC and UIU because of nagging shoulder problems.

WSU (19-18, 14-14) sits in a tie for fifth place in the NSIC and will need to finish in the top six in order to make the conference tournament, otherwise the season will end in disappointing fashion for a team that was picked to be a contender for the conference title.

"We plan on getting some guys back by then, and we think we can make a run in the tournament again," Pooch said.

WSU's final NSIC series is on the road against Concordia-St. Paul on Wednesday.

The Warriors split against the Golden Bears earlier this month in a two-game set in.

Warriors shatter record

By WINONAN Staff

The Winona State University track and field team's 3,200-meter relay team of Kelly Milkent, Nicole Johnson, Lisa Meyer and Jennifer Bradford finished in 3 minutes, 55.71 seconds Friday at the Drake Relays, shattering the previous program record by 4.14 seconds. WSU placed second in the preliminary run and 10th of 33 teams in the event.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Samantha Lisowski, Lindsey Derby, Nikki Olson and Jess Devine placed fourth in the second preliminary run and finished 12th out of 29 teams with a time of 48.67 seconds.



Paul Solberg/WINONAN

WSU shortstop Ben Smothers throws to first base for an out during a game earlier this year. The Warriors went 0-6 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play last week.

Fossell's 'epic performance' leads WSU to signature win

**Adam Stanek
WINONAN**

The Winona State University softball team needed that signature win on the year.

This past week, they more than likely got that win.

In 12 innings, the Warriors took down the No. 5-ranked team in the country and the No. 1-ranked team in the North Central Region, Nebraska-Omaha.

"It was a big win for a lot of reasons," WSU coach Greg Jones said. "They were just anointed the No. 1 team in the region this week. It is a big win for the program, but it is a big-

ger win at this point in the season."

The game went back and forth, but the Warriors pulled out a 6-5 victory.

WSU took the first lead of the game in the fourth inning when Laura Wright reached base on a fielder's choice, scoring Annie Stuedemann and Jenny Wilmes.

With the Warriors up 2-0, UNO struck back in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three runs to take a 3-2 lead.

WSU regained the lead in the top of the seventh inning with a two-run home run by Amanda Wilhelm, making the score 4-3.

Kristen Fossell got into a pinch in the bottom of the seventh when she allowed three base runners. She allowed one run but managed to get her third strikeout of the frame with two runners on and two outs to get out of the inning.

Neither team scored again until the tenth inning.

Wilmes slapped a double in the top of the tenth, scoring Chelsea Rosenow and giving the Warriors a 5-4 lead.

UNO got the run back in the bottom of the tenth on a suicide squeeze to tie it at 5-5.

WSU finally got the job done in the top of the 12th when Wilhelm scored on a Mollie Bjelland ground-out.

The Mavericks had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the frame, getting runners on the corners with two outs, but Fossell came up with a strikeout to end the game.

"I can't say enough about Kristen's effort," Jones said. "Just a gutty, gutty performance. It was her game to win or lose. It was an epic performance by a great kid and a great player."

Fossell pitched all 12 innings, giving up only five runs (one earned) on five hits and striking out 10.

"It's definitely a team effort out there; everyone contributed on the field on offense and defense," Fossell said. "When we play like that, we are unstoppable."

Wilhelm was WSU's top offensive performer, as she went 3-for-6 with a single, a double, and a home run. The junior added two runs and two RBIs.

WSU's second game on Sunday did not pan out in the Warriors' favor, as they lost to Missouri Western 4-3.

Missouri Western scored two runs in the top of the first to take a 2-0 lead, but WSU answered in the bottom of the frame with three runs of its own on a three-run home run by Bjelland.

It was a pitcher's duel from there on out.

Stacey Struzynski, who had a solid performance for most of the game, struggled in the seventh inning. The freshman gave up two hits, and Missouri Western tied the game at 3-3 with one out.

Chelsey Ewing replaced Struzynski but wasn't able to stop Missouri Western from taking a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the seventh.

WSU recorded a hit in the bottom of the seventh but was unable to bring the runner around.

Struzynski struck out eight and gave up four runs on four hits in 6 1/3 innings and suffered the loss.

Bjelland and Terra Halron combined for five of the Warriors' six hits.

Bjelland went 2-for-3 with a single, a home run, a run scored and three RBIs.

Halron batted 3-for-4 with three singles — two being bunt singles — and one run scored.

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament starts this weekend and, as it stands now, WSU (29-13, 14-4) will be the No. 2 seed in this year's tournament.

"I think we're capable of

winning our conference tournament; I think we can beat any team we want," Fossell said. "I think we kind of proved we can beat whoever we want."

The Warriors will close out their regular season with a doubleheader today against Wisconsin-La Crosse before starting the NSIC tournament this weekend.

"I like where we're at, and I like our chances," Jones said. "It's win and move on and lose and go home. It's not who the best team is; it's the best team this weekend. We just hope it's us and we hope we can come out with the trophy by the end of the weekend."

Men's golf team 1st at Concordia

By WINONAN staff

Ross Wilhelm shot a 5-over-par 75 and shared medalist honors April 23 to lead the Winona State University men's golf team to a first-place finish at the Concordia Triangular.

The Warriors shot a 316, edging second-place Upper Iowa by five strokes and third-place Concordia-St. Paul by 14 strokes.

Four WSU individuals placed in the top 10 of the 29-player field.

Brady Strangstalien tied for fourth place with a 79, and Kevin Loeffler, John Anderson and John Kirk each shot rounds of 81.

Keegan Drugan and Max Borgardt each shot an 84 and finished in a tie for 13th place.

The triangular was the Warriors' final tuneup before the NCAA Division II Central Region tournament, which will be held in Findlay, Ohio, Monday through Wednesday.



Fred Schulze/WINONAN

WSU centerfielder Chelsea Rosenow throws the ball to the infield during a game earlier this season. The Warriors went 1-1 over the weekend.



Fossell



Wilhelm

The Perspective: Recapping the best of 2007-08

Eds. note: With the most successful year in recent memory coming to a close for Winona State University athletics, the Winonan's Matt Huss is handing out some end-of-the-year awards.

BEST FEMALE ATHLETE: *Holly Sutton (soccer)*

Unstoppable with the ball at her feet in the open field, along with an uncanny ability to get open around the net and crash the box, Sutton torched conference opponents despite constant attention.

Sutton earned her second consecutive Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference offensive player of the year award this past season. She led the NSIC in points, points per game, goals, goals per game, assists, assists per game and game-winning goals en route to leading WSU to its fourth consecutive NSIC championship.

Sutton, who also led WSU to its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2001, was named the Central Region MVP. She ranked No. 13 in the nation in assists per game (0.57) and No. 33 in points per game (1.181) en route to being named a third-team All-American.

RUNNER-UP: *Alexandra Nugent (gymnastics)*

Nugent, an all-conference performer on the vault, played a critical role in leading WSU to its first appearance at nationals since 1995.

On the big stage, Nugent shined.

She tied for third at nationals in the vault (9.650) and the balance beam (9.675), earning All-America first-team honors. She also finished seventh in the all-around (38.000) and 11th in the floor exercise (9.150), earning second-team All-America honors.

HONORABLE MEN-



Paul Solberg/WINONAN

WSU's Holly Sutton repeated as the NSIC's offensive player of the year in 2007. The senior forward also was named the player of the year in the region and a third-team All-American. She is the Winonan's female athlete of the year.

TION: *Emily King (track and field), Lisa Dobie (volleyball), Lindsay Rosicky (softball)*

BEST MALE ATHLETE: *Jonte Flowers and John Smith (basketball)*

One is a 6-foot-10 center who twice was named the national player of the year; the other is a 6-5 guard who turned the Elite Eight into his own personal playground en route to MOP honors.



Smith

Both are at or near the top in every statistical category in program history. Both are All-Americans. Both were players of the year in the region. Both are national champions. Both make it too difficult to pick one over the other for this award.

RUNNER-UP: *Ben Barrone (baseball)*

Barrone, a catcher/pitcher

who finished his WSU career last spring, was named the NCBWA Division II player of the year after leading the nation in home runs (27) and slugging percentage (1.086).

The Oakland Athletics called Barrone's name in the 44th round of last year's MLB draft.

HONORABLE MENTION: *Scott Peters (football), Brady Strangstalien (golf), Alex Wiese (football)*

BEST FEMALE NEWCOMER: *Jenny Steffen (basketball)*

It's hard to believe that, a year ago, Steffen was ready to quit basketball.

Fortunately for WSU, her fiancé talked her out of it.

With Steffen, a junior transfer from Grand Valley State, WSU made the leap from The Little Team That Could to an up-and-coming squad capable of beating anyone on any night.

Steffen, who averaged a

team-leading 13.6 points per game off the bench and led the nation in 3-point shooting percentage (48.9), played an integral part in helping the Warriors set a single-season record for wins (21).

HONORABLE MENTION:

Heather Pierce (tennis), Bethany Easker (cross country), Rebecca Stier (track and field)

BEST MALE NEWCOMER:

Mike Wendland (baseball)

In his first year with the Warriors after transferring from Viterbo (Wis.), Wendland's presence and production played a huge part in helping WSU reach the regional tournament for the first time since 2000.

He batted .381 with 59 hits, 14 doubles, four home runs, 30 RBIs and a .420 on-base percentage. He tied for fifth in the NSIC in stolen bases, and he led the league with a flawless fielding percentage. His ability to dominate in all facets of the game earned him all-NSIC and all-Central Region second-team honors.

HONORABLE MENTION: *Ronnie Olson (baseball), Cody Drummer (football), Ben Fischer (basketball), Tyree Burks (football)*

BEST TEAM: *Men's basketball*

Let's say Anthony Atkinson doesn't play out of his skull for 45 seconds and Barton doesn't defeat WSU by two points in last year's national title game. Let's say the officials earlier this season don't call Flowers for a foul after colliding with a St. Thomas player 40 feet from the basket while

both were going for a loose ball just as the buzzer sounded. Or, let's say that St. Thomas player didn't make both free throws with five-tenths of a second left to send the game into overtime, in which the Tommies earned a one-point win.

Let's say WSU won both of those games — it's not too outrageous. If you play along, it can be said that the Warriors were three points away from a 97-game winning streak, which would have broken UCLA's mark of 88 consecutive wins from 1971-74 under John Wooden, and three consecutive national championships.

HONORABLE MENTION: *Soccer, Football, Men's Golf, Baseball*

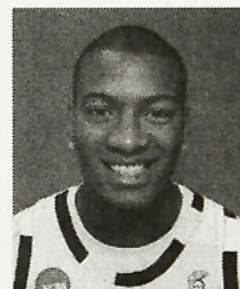
BEST COACH: *Mike Leaf (men's basketball)*

He had more talent to work with than any Division II men's basketball coach in the nation, but one only needs to pop in the tape of WSU's 87-76 win over Augusta State in the national title game and note the adjustments he made at halftime to fully realize why Leaf was named the national coach of the year for the second time in the past three seasons.

Oh, and there are 133 members of the Facebook group "Mike Leaf for president." Description: "A group of educated voters who feel Mike Leaf's leadership, intellect, composure, and compassion would make him the greatest president in the history of the United States."

Enough said.

HONORABLE MENTION: *Beckie Rolbiecki (gymnastics), Scott Ballard (women's basketball), Connie Mettelle (volleyball)*



Flowers



Leaf

Sports

'An Epic Performance'

Kristen Fossell struck out 10 in a 12-inning, complete-game win to lead WSU to a signature victory over the top-ranked team in the region and the No. 5 team in the nation

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